

1 1. (currently amended) A computer implemented method for tracking activities
2 running in parallel in a data processing system, comprising the steps of:

3 maintaining an ordered list of activities running in the system;

4 whenever a new activity begins, inserting the new
5 activity at a top of the list;

6 whenever an activity in the ordered list completes, removing the completed activity
7 from the ordered list; and

8 displaying the activity that is at the top of the list , wherein the activities running in
9 the system are AIX boot processes, wherein the AIX boot processes further comprise
10 configuration methods for configuring devices attached to the system.

1 2. (previously presented) The computer implemented method as recited in claim
2 1, wherein the displaying step displays a code pertaining to the latest-started activity
3 that has not completed.

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1 9. (currently amended) A data processing system comprising:

2 circuitry for maintaining an ordered list of activities running in the system;

3 whenever a new activity begins, circuitry for inserting the new activity at a top of
4 the list;

5 whenever an activity in the ordered list completes, circuitry for removing the
6 completed activity from the ordered list; and

7 circuitry for displaying the activity that is at the top of the list, wherein the
8 activities running in the system are AIX boot processes, wherein the AIX boot
9 processes further comprise configuration methods for configuring devices attached to
10 the system.

1 10. (original) The system as recited in claim 9, wherein the displaying circuitry
2 displays a code pertaining to the latest-started activity that has not completed.

11. (cancelled)

1 12. (original) The system as recited in claim 9, wherein the displaying circuitry
2 further comprises:

3 circuitry for determining if an activity that has completed is currently being
4 displayed; and

5 if the activity that has completed is currently being displayed, circuitry for
6 displaying an activity that had previously been displayed.

1 13. (currently amended) A computer program product adaptable for storage on a
2 computer readable medium, comprising a computer program operable for performing
3 the following steps:

4 maintaining an ordered list of activities running in a data processing system;

5 whenever a new activity begins, inserting the new activity at a top of the list;

6 whenever an activity in the ordered list completes, removing the completed activity
7 from the ordered list; and

8 displaying the activity that is at the top of the list, wherein the activities running in
9 the system are AIX boot processes, wherein the AIX boot processes further comprise
10 configuration methods for configuring devices attached to the system.

1 14. (original) The program as recited in claim 13, wherein the displaying step
2 displays a code pertaining to the latest-started activity that has not completed.

15. (cancelled)

1 16. (original) The program as recited in claim 13, wherein the displaying step
2 further comprises the steps of:

3 determining if an activity that has completed is currently being displayed; and
4 if the activity that has completed is currently being displayed, displaying an activity
5 that had previously been displayed.

1 17. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein only the
2 activity at the top of the list is displayed.

1 18. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 10, wherein only the
2 activity at the top of the list is displayed.

1 19. (previously presented) The program as recited in claim 14, wherein only the
2 activity at the top of the list is displayed.

1 20. (currently amended) A method for tracking activities on a single entry display
2 device running in parallel in a data processing system, comprising the steps of:

3 maintaining an ordered list of activities automatically running in the system;
4 whenever a new activity begins, inserting the new activity at the top of the list;
5 whenever an activity in the ordered list automatically completes, removing the
6 completed activity from the ordered list; and

7 displaying on the single entry display device only the activity at the top of the
8 list, wherein the activities running in the system are AIX boot processes, wherein the
9 AIX boot processes further comprise configuration methods for configuring devices
10 attached to the system.

1 21. (currently amended) A computer implemented method for tracking activities
2 running in parallel in a data processing system, comprising the steps of:

3 determining if a new activity has started in the system;

4 if a new activity has started in the system, displaying an identity of the new
5 activity;
6 determining if any activity running in the system has completed;
7 if an activity has completed, removing that activity from a list of activities to be
8 displayed;
9 determining if the activity removed from the list is currently displayed; and
10 if the activity to be removed is currently displayed, displaying an activity not
11 completed that has previously been displayed, wherein only one activity is displayed
12 at a time, wherein the activities running in the system are AIX boot processes,
13 wherein the AIX boot processes further comprise configuration methods for
14 configuring devices attached to the system.

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1 22. (currently amended) A data processing system for tracking activities running
2 in parallel in the data processing system, comprising:

3 circuitry for determining if a new activity has started in the system;
4 if a new activity has started in the system, circuitry for displaying an identity of the
5 new activity;
6 circuitry for determining if any activity running in the system has completed;
7 if an activity has completed, circuitry for removing that activity from a list of
8 activities to be displayed;
9 circuitry for determining if the activity removed from the list has its identity
10 currently displayed; and
11 if the activity to be removed has its identity currently displayed, circuitry for
12 displaying an identity of an activity not completed that has previously been displayed,
13 wherein an identity of only one activity is displayed at a time, wherein the activities
14 running in the system are AIX boot processes, wherein the AIX boot processes
15 further comprise configuration methods for configuring devices attached to the
16 system.

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1 23. (cancelled)

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1 24. (cancelled)

1 25. (previously presented) The computer implemented method as recited in claim
2 1, wherein only one activity is displayed at a time.

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26. (cancelled)

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1 28. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 9, wherein only one
2 activity is displayed at a time.

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1 31. (previously presented) The program as recited in claim 13, wherein only one
2 activity is displayed at a time.

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